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Bird Flu Scare

Birds under watch

- Avian behaviour monitored hourly
- Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary remains open
- Disinfectant palate created to step into while entering the boating area

DCF Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar inspecting the bird sanctuary. Picture right shows the step-in disinfectant palate for visitors to step-on before entering boating area.

Srirangapatna / Mysuru, Jan. 6 (MTY, Vinay Karekura & SSV)- Close to the heels of outbreak of bird flu in Kerala, the Karnataka Forest Department has sounded high alert in its bird sanctuaries and water bodies under its limits and also of those under various departments / institutions and has taken preventive steps to check its spreading.

"As of now, there is no need to be panic as the situation is very much under control. The decision on closing Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district will be taken only if winged visitors test positive for bird flu," clarified Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Territorial Division, Mysuru.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* after inspecting arrangements at Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary this morning, he said all necessary steps had been taken to check the outbreak of bird flu. Precautionary steps such as sanitising, spraying disinfectants, keeping constant watch on migratory birds, not only in the sanctuary but also in garden and surrounding fields, are being undertaken, the DCF said and added that staff of the sanctuary have been trained to handle dead birds, collect the viscera and send samples to laboratories in Mysuru and Bengaluru. In case any bird tests positive for bird flu, then the carcass will be sent to Bhopal Laboratory for further test.

Explaining about the steps initiated, the DCF said a tight vigilance is kept on water bodies like Lingambudhi, Hebbal, Karanji and Kukkarahalli Lakes, Thippayyanakere and Hadinaarukere in Mysuru city, besides Ranganathittu and Kokkarebellur in Mandya district, following the arrival of migratory birds.

(See BIRDS on page 6)

Attempt to grab MUDA site with fake documents: 3 arrested

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (RK&DM)- Even as Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has constituted a Verification Cell to check the authenticity of documents pertaining to its sites and other landed properties, the Lakshmipuram Police have taken three persons into custody on charges of attempting to grab a site, worth crores of rupees, by creating fake documents.

Those taken into custody have been identified as Mohammad Nayeem, a resident of Ghousianagar, Mubarak Shariff of Rajivnagar and Shahjahan of Udayagiri. They have been accused of creating fake documents of a MUDA site measuring 80'x100' in Yadavagiri.

Mohammad Nayeem, one of the accused, had submitted documents pertaining to site measuring 80'x100' (Site No.152) to SBI, on behalf of one Padma, wife of Murugan, to avail Bank loan. The documents were handed over to Bank's (SBI) advocate B. Smitha Devaiah for legal opinion.

(See MUDA on page 6)

Owners of Site No. 482 and 152 asked to visit MUDA Office

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (SSV)- In the wake of filing First Information Report (FIR) against a few individuals for trying to sell sites by creating fake documents, MUDA has asked the genuine owners of Site No. 482 measuring 50' x 80' in Jayanagar connecting to Saraswathipuram-Tonachikoppal Extension and Site. No. 152 measuring 80' x 100' in Yadavagiri, to bring the property documents for verification at MUDA Office.

In a press release, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh has said that those who wish to stake their claim on these two sites must come to the MUDA Office with all valid documents before Jan. 15. Failing which the MUDA would take legal action in connection with the said two sites, he added.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 6th January 2021

Avail 50 percent discount offer from Jan.8 to 10

Mysuru, Jan. 6- Good news for shopaholics this weekend. Forum Centre City (Forum Mall), Nazarbad, Mysuru, is offering flat 50 percent discount sale from Jan.8 to 10 as part of its third anniversary celebrations.

Whatever you crave for — clothes, accessories, cosmetics, food, books, family entertainment, a touch of indulgence or a dose of excitement — your favourite shopping destination is all geared up to celebrate this new year and more.

The sale is sure to add the perfect fashion statement to the start of the year with flat 50 percent off across your favourite brands like H&M, Lifestyle, Homecentre, Max, Pepe jeans, Zimson Watches, Ruosh , Hush Puppies, Crocs, Allen Solly, Soch, Forever New and The Body Shop to name a few.

This is one weekend you should be shopping at Mysuru's favourite shopping destination that houses the best brands and has something for everyone!

Webinar on utilisation of agri wastes for farmers and entrepreneurs

Dr. Renu Agrawal

Mysuru, Jan. 6- Dr. Renu Agrawal, Ex-Chief Scientist and Rural Programme Coordinator, CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, has been invited to deliver a webinar on the "Utilisation of agricultural wastes to high valued products" by "Agriculture Information" headed by Kartik Isvarmurti, a graduate of Delhi School of Economics and Oxford University, UK. The agriculture website *www.agricultureinformation.com* with 3,00,000 members connects growers, buyers and experts. There will be discussions with farmers, entrepreneurs, academic experts, young professionals, trade representatives, and policy makers. Interested can register and join the online meeting to be held on Jan.18 at 11 am.

The meeting link is https://www.agricultureinformation.com/?_page=2.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

There was a time in every office when folks fought over diaries and calendars come December and these corporate gifts arrived with much fanfare. The boss even had his 'embossed' and there were different levels of quality with strapped, leather bound diaries being the most prestigious. Technology killed it all. And today if you told kids about the importance in your lives of that 12 pager or the diary, they would probably say why didn't you use Notebook or Word or Planner or Schedule. Because we didn't have it and there was no Alexa and Bixby and Siri and other such robotic assistants so we did not text, we found a pen and we wrote.

With that kind of mindset, imagine the reception given to a paper calendar for 2021 a nostalgic friend created and sent to me a few days ago. It was so delightfully retro with pictures of forests and waterfalls and rivers, all 12 pages of it and on flimsy paper with the Sunday S in scarlet and gaudy and so reminiscent of those ubiquitous calendars that would hang on the kitchen wall and we would scribble birthdays and anniversaries by circling the special dates. Little squiggles to ensure we wish friends and relatives. How quaint, said my grandkids. Not a shop or tea stall or paanwalla den was without some sort of calendar, it was just a mandate. Our Gods endured this visual onslaught of glamour and most calendars had them looking down upon the human race often with a garland over the poster. Lakshmi was the most popular. Fun it was to tear off the month when it ended and now we text, cold and clinical, forward and share. — *Bikram Vohra in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Island home to thousands of feral chicken

Kauai: The island of Kauai, in the Hawaiian archipelago, is home to thousands of feral chicken that have developed a complex relationship with the island's human inhabitants.

From the pristine beaches of Lumbahai, to airports, gas stations, even urban parking lots, feral chickens are everywhere on Kauai Island. They roam freely and have adapted to lead a a variety of lifestyles in this Hawaiian paradise, from eating garbage and cat food, to depending on tourists for food, or foraging on native arthropods. It's because of this lifestyle variety that the chickens relationship with humans is so complex. On one hand, everyone agrees that they have brought down the populations of pesky Hawaiian centipedes, but then again, they also crow 24 hours a day and they tear up foliage and grass, even destroying whole gardens.

A fishy pastry dish!

England: When it comes to unappetizing-looking dishes, a few dishes out there that can compete with the Stargazy Pie, a pie with fish heads protruding through the crust, appearing to be gazing skyward.

England is home to a variety of pies, from classics like apple pie to less known treats like steak and ale pie, or pot pie. But none of these pastry treats hold a candle to the famous Stargazy Pie, when it comes to wow factor. No matter how elaborate your pie design is, you just can't beat half a dozen cooked sardine heads sticking out and looking towards the sky.

The main ingredient of Stargazy Pie is the pilchard (sardine), but mackerel or herring is sometimes used as a substitute. Some cooks believe that any white fish will work for the filling, but the sardine heads sticking out are essential for the presentation.

HEALTH CAPSULE

PRENATAL VITAMINS

Your baby's neural cord which becomes the brain and spinal cord develops within the first few months of pregnancy. Hence, it is important you get essential nutrients like folic acid, calcium, iron, and vitamins, even when you are still trying to conceive, at least 3 months prior, to prevent neural cord defects in the baby.

By Dr. Veena K. - Consultant, Obstetrics & Gynecology

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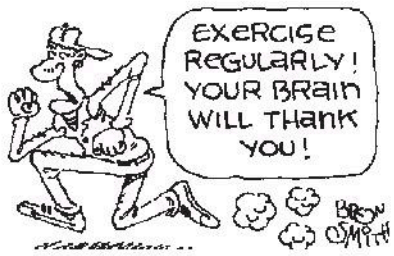

Regular physical exercise has been shown to reduce the risk of dementia by up to 50 percent. 30 to 40 minutes of brisk walking several times a week is an adequate amount of exercise to improve brain function.

COVID UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 4	JAN. 5
Positive Cases	20	57
Total Positive Cases	52,561	52,618
Discharges	73	34
Total Discharges	51,234	51,268
Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,017	1,017
Total Active Cases	310	333

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Jan.6- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Microbiology to **B.R. Nuthan** for his thesis 'Characterisation of anti-microbial metabolite from endophyic fungi of Trias stocksii and Bendrobium herbaceum' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Satish.

S.V. Chandramouli has been awarded Ph.D in Linguistics by the UoM for his thesis 'Manteswamy Kavya: Bhashika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. L. Ramamoorthy].

REALLY...?

- ***An average covered wagon train crossed the prairie at 1-2 miles per hour.***
- ***Ornithologists say birds do not sleep in their nests.***
- ***To shuffle one's feet while mumbling is to whittie-whattie.***
- ***Icing a burn slows the healing process. Running cold water over it works better.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two women talking to each other.

One*: What would be the best gift for a husband?*

Other: *Gift him with a wallet so that all money will be kept together and it would be easy for you !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.13
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.56
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.91
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.95

VOICE OF THE READER

Gallows structure in a Park: A suggestion

Sir,

This is regarding the proposed total facelift for Subbarayanakere Park *(SOM* dated Dec.16). Gallows structure complete with a hanging figure in a noose in a Park? I am more than taken aback.

Honouring a freedom fighter is great, the involvement of CAVA students is great — but gallows with a body hanging from a noose as a Park attraction? Imagine the effect on the emotions of the visitors, impressionable children in particular.

Authorities and art students at CAVA may please come up with an image that is appropriate for a Park where people gather for relaxation.

— Kamakshi Balasubramanian
Emerald Enclave, Belagola
31.12.2020

Intl. Webinar on 'Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Intellectual Property Rights' from tomorrow

Fr. Leslie Moras

Mysuru, Jan. 6- The Department of Chemistry, St. Philomena's College (Autonomous), Mysuru, in association with Visvesvaraya Trade Promotional Centre (VTPC) under the aegis of Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Karnataka, has organised a three-day International Webinar on 'Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Intellectual Property Rights' from Jan.7 to Jan.9.

The webinar will be inaugurated by Rev. Msgr. Leslie Moras, Episcopal Vicar for Educational and Health Ministries, Diocese of Mysuru, tomorrow at 2 pm.

The keynote address will be delivered by Prof. K.M. Mahadevan, former Registrar (Evaluation), University of Mysore.

The resource person for the first session from 2.30 to 3.30 pm will be Dr. K. Shridhara Bhat, Technical Coordinator, ArkGen Pharma Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru who will speak on "Interesting aspects of Fluorine Chemistry". In the second session from 3.30 to 4.30 pm, Bindu Sharma, Founder and CEO of Origiin IP solutions, Bengaluru will speak on "Relevance of IPR for Pharma Industry".

The speakers for the second and third day are Prof. N.S. Srinivasulu, Professor of Law, National University of Juridicial Sciences (NUJS), Kolkata; Dr. Basappa, Department of Studies in Organic Chemistry, University of Mysore; Dr. Nikhil R. Gandasi, Department of Medical Cell Biology, Uppsala University, Sweden and Dr. Devaraja Acharya, West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust, Watford, UK.

There will be live You Tube streaming and the link for the registered participants will be sent to their respective e-mail ids. It is open for all and there is no registration fee. However, participants should register initially and registered attendees will get an e-certificate. Interested may contact Coordinators Dr. Alphonsus D'Souza on Mob: 8762461532 and Bindu Noronha on Mob: 8147499281.

The valedictory session will be held on Jan.9 at 4 pm. On both inaugural and valedictory sessions, Rev. Fr. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Rector-Manager of St. Philomena's Institutions and Dr. T. Ruth Shantha Kumari, Principal will be present.

Bags ISTE Endowment Award

Sammith

Mysuru, Jan. 6- B.S. Sammith, a topper in Engineering Mathematics, has been awarded Sri Anniganahally Thammaiah Setty Endowment Medal (instituted by Dr. A.T. Eswara) of ISTE Chapter, P.E.S College of Engineering, Mandya.

The award was presented to Sammith at the 11th Graduation Day held recently. He is the son of Dr. B. S. Shivakumara and K. Nagalakshmi and great-grandson of late Vidwan B. Lakshminarayana Shastry of Vontikoppal, Mysuru. At present he is working as Software Engineer at a prestigious company in Bengaluru.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Scholarship for minority students

District Minority Welfare Department, Mysuru, has invited applications for post-metric and merit-cum-means scholarship for minority students for the year 2020-21. Interested students must apply online through National Scholarship Portal (NSP) http://scholarships.gov.in or https://dom.karnataka.gov.in/ before Jan. 20. A copy of all relevant documents should be submitted to their College Principal or respective Taluk Information Centres. For details, contact office of the District Officer, Department of Minority Welfare or the following Taluk Information Centres: Mysuru - 89510-87207, T. Narasipur - 98452-10242, Nanjangud - 97435-67567, H.D. Kote - 96631-57476, K.R. Nagar - 99863-46893, Hunsur - 96207-50935, Periyapatna - 88613-56751, during office-hours, according to a press release from the Department District Officer.

Udyoga Mela on Jan. 16

A district-level Udyoga Mela (Job Fair) has been organised at the District Employment Exchange premises, Government Industrial Training Institute in N.R. Mohalla, on Jan. 16 from 10 am to 4.30 pm, under National Career Service Project (NCSP) of the Central Government. Candidates, who have passed PUC, JOC, ITI, Diploma and Engineering including those who have passed or failed in SSLC can attend along with their bio-data. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2489972, according to the Assistant Director, District Employment Exchange.

Training

Rotary Vanivilasa Mysore has organised a training session on the topic 'How to make paper bags' for public from Jan. 11 to 15 in Mysuru. Enrol before Jan. 7. For details, contact Mob: 99026-98623.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	118.60 ft
Yesterday	118.63 ft
Inflow	746 cusecs
Outflow	989 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.29 ft
Inflow	430 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,820.30 ft
Inflow	173 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

Don't expect development works in next three years: Bidari

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (MK&SSV)- Former DG & IGP, Shankar Bidari has said it was impossible to expect any development works in the next three years as the debts of the State and the Union Governments have gone up by three times and it would be difficult even to pay interest of loan.

He was speaking after inaugurating a programme titled 'Mareyalagada Mahaniyaru — Navakarnataka Shilpi S. Nijalingappa - Ondu Nenapu' jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Dr. K.S. Gowdaiah Pratishtana, K.R. Nagar, at District Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar 1st Stage on Monday.

Bidari opined that the Government of India, instead of giving money to farmers annually, should provide job to one from each farmer's family for empowerment. The agriculture was a State subject and the Union Government has no role in it. But, the Union Government was paying Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 6,000 to each farmer. Instead, job to one member of each farmer family may be given.

During Freedom Struggle, veteran freedom fighter, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had appealed to people 'Give me blood, I will get you freedom.' In current situation, no political leader has guts to promise good returns to farmers from agriculture. Today, every leader was after power and no one was ready to tell people to work to earn as they did not want to become bad in their eyes. "We can come out of problems only through hard work," Bidari said.

The former Top Cop said he would not blame politicians for non-development of country, State, city and rural areas as 135 million people were also responsible for it. Today, they were dishonest and not discharging their duty properly. The attitude of citizens' must change and make honest contribution to the nation's growth in their own way. Time has come for them to make self-introspection, he added.

He said crores of rupees were spent to conduct the election. One or two harp from one party to another party. Whether these turncoats were bought by other party by offering them tamarind seeds? Someone had said that he joined another party to repay loan borrowed to contest election. In the end, such people will drown in Bengaluru's Vrushabhavathi River and not in Ganga, Yamuna or Cauvery River.

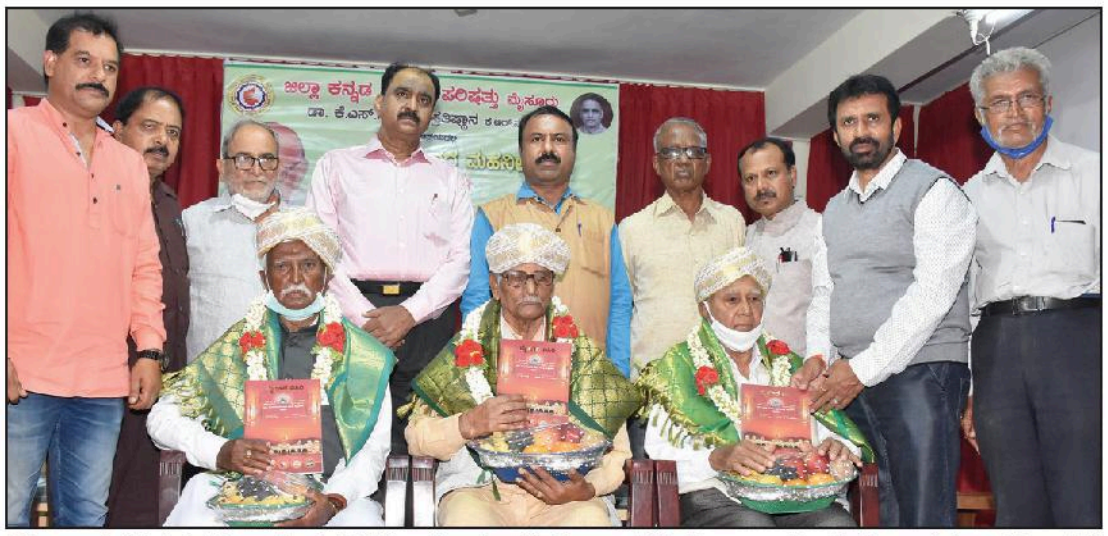
Ministers and Legislators were not aware of problems in other constituencies. All the CMs in recent past have got released more funds for their constituencies for development works but former CM, late S. Nijalingappa never differentiated and distributed equally among all the constituencies. Nijalingappa belonged to a rare breed of politician, he noted.

Paying rich tributes to Nijalingappa, Bidari said Nijalingappa was one ofthe best politician that Karnataka has seen so far who did not have any property except own house. The former CM strictly followed his own ideology and never inclined to make property. He never differentiated between urban and rural populace and treated them equally. Nijalingappa had dreamt of economic empowerment of rural population on the lines of urban people.

Felicitation

MLA L. Nagendra felicitated freedom fighters Y.C. Revanna, Dr. M. Somashekaraiah and B. Lingaiah during the occasion.

Former MLC Dr. M.P. Nadgouda recalled his association with Nijalingappa. Dr. K.S. Gowdaiah Pratishtana President K. Prakash, Backward Classes Awareness Forum President K.S. Shivaramu, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Secretary K.S. Nagaraju and Convener Mugur Nanjundaswamy were present.



Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra felicitating freedom fighters — Y.C. Revanna, Dr. M. Somashekaraiah and B. Lingaiah — during a programme at District Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar, Mysuru, on Monday.

Phone story of Nijalingappa

S. Nijalingappa

While I was serving as Chitradurga SP, the then CM Ramakrishna Hegde called me to inform that he was unable to contact S. Nijalingappa through telephone and wanted me to find out the reason. So, I went to telephone exchange and enquired about Nijalingappa's landline connection. I was told that the telephone had been disconnected for non-payment of Rs. 45 monthly bill. Re-connection would be given only after payment of the pending bill amount and re-connection charges of Rs. 20. So, I paid Rs. 65 and informed Hegde to contact Nijalingappa now. After few days, I got a call from 'Yajamanaru' (Nijalingappa). When I visited his house, after offering tea, he asked why I paid the telephone bill and said that he was not in need of the telephone. I was asked to come on second of next month. When I went on that day, Nijalingappa gave me a cover containing Rs. 65 in it. This is the simplicity of former CM. **—Shankar Bidari, former DG &IGP**

Will Government notification on shops opening 24x7 apply to hotels?

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (SSV)- Close on the heels of the State Government issuing a notification allowing shops and commercial business establishments with 10 plus employees to open 24x7, the hoteliers of Mysuru want to know whether this was applicable for them.

C. Narayanagowda, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association, want the State Government to issue direction to the Police authorities regarding allowing the hotels to open till 12 am for the benefit of tourists visiting Mysuru.

Presently, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food joints are asked to wind up business at 10 am whereas bars and restaurants are allowed till 12.20 am as against the deadline of 11.30 pm. Mysuru has been one of the most important tourist places in the country with lakhs of people visiting the city every year. Those who land in city after 10 pm do not find a good hotel in Central Business District. They would be left with no option except sleeping on empty stomach or relish street food.

Dr. Chandragupta

Narayanagowda

He said the hotels were allowed to open till 12 am when Sunil Agarwal was the Police Commissioner. But the subsequent Commissioners did not stick to it without giving reasons. Now, the situation is so bad that the hotels are closed forcibly at 9.30 pm. So, the Mysuru Hotel iers Association has decided to seek clarification from the Government on the applicability of its notification on shops opening 24x7, to hospitality industry.

When *Star of Mysore* contacted, Dr. Chandragupta, City Police Commissioner, said he has not officially received the notification on opening of shops and business establishments with 10-plus employees round-the-clock. His Department would take a decision only after going through the notification.

In regard to hoteliers seeking time till 12 am to open eateries, the Top Cop said: "I have not received any requisition from Hoteliers Association in this regard. Let them give it to me and I will decide on it in consultation with my colleagues. Different parameters have to be studied before giving permission."

Life Member accuses irregularities in Mysuru Scouts and Guides

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (PM&DM)- Alleging that Mysuru Scouts and Guides had become a monopoly of the few, Karnataka Bharat Scouts and Guides Life Member B.R. Anil Kumar has accused some top leaders of the organisation of indulging in irregularities.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan on Monday, Anil Kumar said that the landed properties of the District Unit of Bharat Scouts and Guides, located near the Deputy Commissioner's Office, is being rented out for *Melas* and other programmes. But the District Unit has not bothered to inform the State Unit of the revenues being earned, he alleged.

Accusing the District Scouts and Guides Commissioner P. Vishwanath, District Treasurer Dr. Gurumurthy and District Secretary Jameel of forming a Trust and running a school (Baden Powell School) without seeking permission of the State Unit, he alleged that the trio were not giving any account of revenue earnings to the State Unit.

Bemoaning that the State Unit had remained a silent spectator to the non-transparent acts of the District Unit, Anil Kumar claimed that the District Unit is fighting a civil suit against University of Mysore regarding ownership of the land near the DC's Office. But the State Unit has not bothered to interfere in this civil case, with the District Unit alone handling the case, which has given rise to suspicions, he said.

Claiming that although he is a KPCC spokesperson, he is speaking as a concerned member of Bharat Scouts and Guides, Anil Kumar contended that the District Unit office-bearers have made the Deputy Commissioner as the head of the District Unit only to save themselves, although it is not mandatory to make DC as the head of the District Unit.

He also charged the State Unit President P.G.R. Sindhia, a former Minister, of being a silent spectator to all the wrongdoings of the District Unit.

District Commissioner Vishwanath rubbishes Anil Kumar's claims

Rebutting the charges made by Anil Kumar, Bharat Scouts and Guides Mysuru District Commissioner P. Vishwanath, also a former city Mayor, said that the charges were totally false.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore,* Vishwanath said that transparency was being maintained in the functioning of the District Unit and there was no truth in the charges levelled by Anil Kumar. Pointing out that the District Unit was filing Income Tax Returns in an appropriate manner, he said that the District Unit was functioning in accordance with the directions of the State Unit.

Asserting that Bharat Scouts and Guides Mysuru District Trust has been formed under instructions from the State Unit, he said that the Trust has been formed only after the State Unit gave blanket permission to all the District Units to form Trusts for safeguarding their properties.

Noting that the office-bearers of the District Unit will automatically become the Trustees of the Trust, Vishwanath clarified that the office-bearers will stand to lose their Trusteeship once they give up or are relieved of their position.

Former CM late Gundu Rao's wife Varalakshmi passes away

Varalakshmi

Bengaluru, Jan. 6- Varalakshmi Gundu Rao, wife of former Chief Minister late R. Gundu Rao, passed away last night in Bengaluru following brief illness.

She leaves behind two sons — MLA and former KPCC President Dinesh Gundu Rao and Mahesh Gundu Rao — and a host of relatives and friends. Her another son and actor Rajesh Gundurao had passed away in 2012.

Varalakshmi had entered politics after the death of her husband in 1993. She had contested the Parliamentary elections on a Congress ticket in 1996 against H.N. Ananth Kumar of BJP from Bengaluru South Constituency, but had lost the election.

Last rites at the family's farm in Devanahalli today.

Hunsur CRPF soldier dies on duty

Nagaraju

Hunsur, Jan. 6 (Raghu&KS)- Nagaraju (41), a native of Hunsur and a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) soldier, who was deployed at the ongoing farmers' stir in Delhi, passed away while on duty on Jan. 4 following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a son.

Following a heart attack, Nagaraju was being rushed to a hospital but he breathed his last en route to the hospital.

The mortal remains of Raju, which was accompanied by his colleague Ramakrishna, reached Hunsur this morning, which was received by Tahsildar Basavaraju, Circle Inspector Poovaiah, SI Shivaprakash, TP CEO Girish and Chilkunda PDO Shivakumar.

The body was kept near the statue of former CM D. Devaraj Urs for a few minutes for the public to pay their last respects and was later kept near Hunsur Town Police Station. The body was later shifted to Kalla Betta Colony in the taluk, where arrangements were made for the public to pay their respects. PDO Shivakumar had made all arrangements and Rs. 5,000 was provided by Gram Panchayat for the last rites, which was performed at Kalla Betta with full State honours.

Alleged attempt to grab MUDA site

Littérateurs write to Chief Minister, seek sacking of KBA Chairman

Nandeesh Hanche, KBA Chairman

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (PM&DM)- Accusing **Kannada Book Authority (KBA)** Chairman Nandeesh Hanche of attempting to grab a MUDA site, four writers including senior Littérateur Prof. S.G. Siddarmaiah, also a former KBA Chairman, have written a letter to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa seeking sacking of the incumbent KBA Chairman.

In their joint letter to the CM on Monday, Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah, Banjagere Jayaprakash (former KBA Chairman), Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru (retd. Professor) and K.S. Shivaramu (State President of Bakward Classes Awareness Forum), accused Nandeesh Hanche of misusing his power to grab a prime MUDA site in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage in the name of his wife.

Former Forest Officer Nagaraj had allegedly used his political influence to simultaneously get sites at Bengaluru and Mysuru through BDA and MUDA respectively in 1994. But as some persons questioned the allotments, Nagaraj returned his 50x80 site (Site No. 3165) allotted to him by MUDA in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, Second Phase, on Nov. 28, 2006. Following the return of site, MUDA had paid back Rs. 1.5 lakh to Nagaraj, which he had paid at the time of allotment.

Nagaraj died in 2019 and MUDA officials had allegedly failed to make appropriate entries in their records regarding the return of the site by Nagaraj. But 14 years after the return of site, late Forest Officer Nagaraj's wife Shashikala applied to MUDA on Aug. 13, 2020 seeking transfer of registration *(Pauti Khata)* of the site to her name.

The MUDA Commissioner, after allegedly bowing to the pressure of influential politicians, issued the Sale Deed on Sept.18 pertaining to the returned site, in the name of the applicant Shashikala within days after her application. The Commissioner also issued a clear Sale Deed on Oct. 21, 2020, they alleged.

Continuing, they alleged that MUDA, acting under pressure from Nandeesh Hanche and some influential politicians, had issued a Sale Deed in the name of Deepa, wife of Nandeesh Hanche. They also charged that Deepa, in a bid to cover up her husband's (Nandeesh Hanche) name, had mentioned the name of her father.

Nandeesh Hanche had attempted to grab the site worth about Rs. 4 crore, by directly making a payment of just Rs. 60 lakh to Shashikala, in what clearly appears to be a dubious deal and as such the KBA Chairman should be sacked for misusing his powers to grab the MUDA site by illegal means, the letter said.

3 house burglars arrested

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (KS)- Ashokapuram Police, who were conducting their regular beat on Chikkaharadanahalli Road yesterday at about 3.30 am, found three persons moving around in a suspicious manner and took them into custody for enquiry.

During enquiry, the three persons are said to have told the Police that in 2017 they had burgled a house near Jayanagar Railway line and had made away with 50 grams gold ornaments and Rs. 26,000 cash, which they had shared amongst themselves.

Following the revelation, the three were formally arrested and based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered 50 grams gold ornaments worth Rs. 2.5 lakh from them. The arrested are 30-year-old Yogesh, 22-year-old Upendra and 20-year-old Prasanna of Benagal village in Periyapatna taluk of Mysuru.

The Police also came to know that the accused had made a futile bid to rob Karnataka Gramin Bank in Saragur Police limits in the last week of August 2020 and a case (No. 119/2020) under IPC Sections 457 and 511 was registered at Saragur Police Station. The accused have been produced before a Court.

Youth held for snatching mobile phones, lifting two-wheelers

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (KS)- Devaraja Police have arrested a 23-year-old youth on charges of snatching mobile phones from public and lifting two-wheelers. The Police have recovered mobile phones and stolen two-wheelers from him.

The accused is Syed Wasim, a resident of Usmania Block at Ghousianagar in city. During interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed of lifting two vehicles in Devaraja Police limits and also snatching mobile phones from public.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered four mobile phones and three two-wheelers, all worth Rs. 1.30 lakh, from him.

Obituary

Palachanda Leela Chengappa

Mysuru, Jan. 6- Palachanda Leela Chengappa (Machettira), a resident of Vijayanagar 1st Stage, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday. She was 69.

She leaves behind her husband, a son and a daughter. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning.

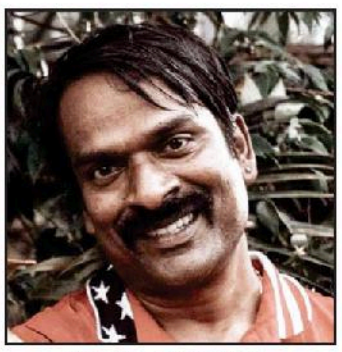
Kempamma

Kempamma (Chikkathayamma), a resident of Maruthi Tent Road at Janatanagar, passed away on Jan. 4 in city. She was 50. She leaves behind a son, a daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. Last rites were held at Janatanagar Burial Grounds yesterday afternoon.

Dogs killed in accidents

on Ring Roads, now given proper burial

Dumping of meat wastes along Ring Road stretch attracts stray dogs



Umesh, a dog-lover

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (KS) - While most of us ignore a dog killed in an accident and its carcass left on the road to be run over by vehicles, a youth, as part of his social responsibility, is silently performing free burials of stray dogs that have been killed on the Ring Roads in city.

Forget about burial for a dead stray dog, strays are ignored in many places and suffer from lack of proper veterinary treatment, but there is a remarkable amount of volunteerism devoted to animal welfare among youths.

Meet **Umesh of Bow Bow Pet Resort** on Udbur-Sinduvalli Road in city, who gives proper burial to these dead dogs. Armed with a pickaxe and a shovel, Umesh rushes to the spot of the road kill only on the Ring Roads after being informed and gives the dead dogs a proper burial. This also prevents accidents as motorists, in a bid to avoid running over the carcass of a dog, veer the vehicles to the side all of a sudden or apply sudden brakes catching other motorists off guard, who may cause accidents.

"I started this service after the lockdown was relaxed and till yesterday, I have buried 25 dogs killed in accidents only on Ring Roads. I undertake burial of only dogs as I have no equipment to undertake burial of large animals killed in accidents," Umesh said. Most road kills take place on the stretch of Hunsur-Bogadi Ring Road where vehicles move at neck-breaking speed though it is a 40-km speed zone, Umesh said and added that such road kills could be prevented only if motorists obey traffic rules and drive their vehicles within the prescribed speed limits.

Pointing out that dumping of meat wastes (especially poultry waste) on the Ring Road sides is also one of the causes for the road kill as stray dogs get attracted to the meat waste, Umesh said that stray dogs in order to consume meat waste, try to cross the road and end up being run over by speeding vehicles.

Recalling an incident of a puppy being killed in an accident on the Ring Road, Umesh said that after he received a message along with a photo and the location on his WhatsApp, he rushed to the spot and found the carcass of the puppy being lifted and kept on the roadside by the message sender. It was very heart-rending to see the mother dog *(see pic)* being present at the spot till the burial, he added.

"I bury the dead dogs close to the plants on the median of the Ring Road as the soil becomes fertile as days pass," Umesh said.

"If anyone spots a dead dog on any part of the Ring Road, send a message on WhatsApp to Mob: 99862-84468 along with the photo of the dead dog and location, so that it would be easy for me to locate the spot and bury the dead dog," he said.

"Dogs too have families and they are also very emotional like we humans," he said and has urged motorists to drive cautiously. Umesh also offers dog boarding, pet cemetery and swimming pool at Bow Bow Pet Resort, for a price.

Birds under watch

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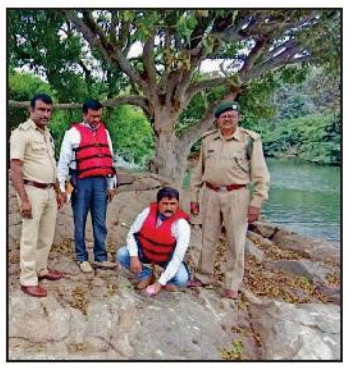
Forest Department staff have been put on the job of observing the behaviour of birds every hour and alert higher-ups in case of unusual behaviour or symptoms of illness noticed in birds. The bird flu will not only affect the migratory birds but will also affect domesticated birds. Villagers have been requested to share information with the Forest Department in case they come across carcass of birds in fields or unnatural deaths of chicken, the DCF added.

Dr. Prashanth Kumar said that there are 16 islands within Ranganthittu Bird Sanctuary and the staff members were regularly monitoring the birds in those places every one hour.

The staff members have been given binoculars to keep a watch on the migratory birds and have been instructed to patrol all the islands in a boat at regular intervals.

Range Forest Officer (RFO) Surendra, Wildlife Wing, Ranganthittu Bird Sanctuary, said that disinfectants are regularly sprayed in the entire area and every tourist has to enter the bird area after dipping their legs in a step-in disinfectant pallet. Officers of Forest and Animal Husbandry are closely monitoring the situation. Each and every equipment is disinfected before use by the staff. The migratory birds which are susceptible to bird flu are pelicans, painted stork and spoonbills, he added.



Animal Husbandry and Forest Department officials collecting bird droppings at the Sanctuary.

Meanwhile, Shivalingegowda, Assistant Director, Department of Animal Husbandry said the bird sanctuary has so far not reported any bird flu case. In case of unnatural death of any bird, the staff must wear face mask and hand gloves to put the dead bird inside polythene cover and send it to Mysuru laboratory for testing.

Attempt to grab MUDA site

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After receiving documents, Smitha Devaiah submitted them to Mysuru South Sub-Registrar's Office to check the authenticity, when it was found *prima facie* that they were fake.

As Smitha Devaiah was also a MUDA advocate, she went to the MUDA Office and met the official who had 'signed' the documents. At the same time she also brought the matter to the notice of MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, following which she tallied the documents in her possession with that in MUDA records.

During scrutiny, it was confirmed that the documents presented by Nayeem were not issued by MUDA and were fake.

Thereafter, MUDA hatched a plan to nab all those who were behind the creation of fake documents pertaining to the said Yadavagiri site. After receiving information that those who submitted the fake documents were coming to the Office of MUDA's advocate at 4 pm on Dec.31, MUDA Chairman Rajeev, accompanied by Police, went to the Office of MUDA Advocate when the accused Mohammad Nayeem, who had come along with his associates Mubarak Shariff and Shahjahan, were taken into custody.

During questioning, the trio confessed that they had come to MUDA advocate's office for submission of documents following instructions from one Akram, a native of Mysuru now settled in Bengaluru and Bengaluru-based Chartered Accountant Srinivasmurthy.

Following a complaint by MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, the Lakshmipuram Police booked a case against the five accused, who also included Akram and Srinivasmurthy, under Sections 468, 471 and 420 of IPC r/w 34 and are probing.

Meanwhile, the MUDA authorities have asked the site buyers and sellers to double-check the authenticity of documents at MUDA Office before entering into any deals.

MUDA Chairman Rajeev said that the authorities who scrutinised the documents pertaining to the said Yadavagiri site, have unearthed a mafia that is indulged in creation of fake documents. The documents, which were submitted to MUDA advocate Smitha for legal opinion were found to be completely fake during scrutiny.

Stating that a huge network of fake document creation was active, he said a thorough Police probe would reveal those behind this fake document mafia.

Book expo at ORI

Mysuru, Jan.6 (RKB&DM)- A two-day Book Expo has been organised at Oriental Research Institute (ORI) in city today and tomorrow. People can avail the 50 percent discount on books.

Demanding better facilities and food,

Gangothri Hostel students stage snap stir

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (PM&DM)- Alleging lack of civic amenities and poor quality of food, over a hundred students of the Old and New Post-Graduate (PG) Men's Hostels at Manasagangothri staged a snap stir near Kuvempu Statue at the entrance to the campus from Bogadi Road side this morning.

Claiming that the inmates of the old and new hostels were served food at the common Dining Hall in the old PG hostel, giving a go by to physical distancing norms and other COVID-19 protocol, the protesters alleged that despite several representations to the hostel authorities, they are being served with sub-standard food, with go by given to daily menu.

Also, the hostels lacked civic amenities such as drinking water and sanitation facilities, they alleged and urged the authorities to immediately address the issues raised by them, considering their health and safety.

They also demanded that they be provided with laptops as promised by the Government.

Upon coming to know of the snap stir, University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar (Administration) Prof. R. Shivappa and Student Welfare Officer S.T. Ramachandra visited the spot and assured the protesters that the issues raised by them will be addressed in a couple of days, following which the stir was withdrawn.

The protest was led by UoM Research Students Association leader Maridevaiah and others.

Meanwhile, Registrar Prof. Shivappa, speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, said that the hostel students have submitted a memorandum seeking better quality food and adequate drinking water. They have also demanded distribution of laptops to everyone as promised by the Government and also to re-open the shut gate facing Hunsur Road beside a vehicle show room, he said.

Stating that practical measures will be taken to address the issues raised by the hostel students, he said that the distribution of laptops has to be done by the Government.

Maintaining that the University has written to the Government in this regard a couple of times, he said that, however, the University too is looking at other ways of laptop distribution from its side.

In respect of the demand for a separate kitchen, he said that the University has planned a centralised kitchen system to cater to the needs of students and added that the University will take all possible measures to ensure the safety, security and health of all students.

NIE students demand exam postponement

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (MK&SSV)- Students of National Institute of Engineering (NIE) went on a snap strike yesterday demanding the postponement of Semester End Examination (SEE) in the wake of prevailing COVID-19 pandemic across the country.

Hundreds of students gathered in front of the Institution and staged a protest against the management's decision to hold the examination for third and final year courses from Jan. 18.

They contended that nearly 50 percent of them came from various districts and they had to come here to write examination.

Already, the second strain of Coronavirus had started appearing in the country and it was quite risky to ask students to come to Mysuru only to write examination. The College Management has insisted on bringing consent letter from parents as they did not want to take any risk if something happened to them.

NOT WISE: Meanwhile, R. Ashok Anand, Vice-President, NIE-MC, said it was not wise on the part of students to go on snap strike without talking directly with the management. The NIE comes under the ambit of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) and any decision on the postponement of examination must be taken by the Varsity. The college had taken all precautionary measures to ensure the safety of exam-attending students. While the examination was less than 10 days, it was not correct on the part of students to go on strike.

Mysuru-Kadakola stretch to be a six-lane Highway

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha writes to Union Minister

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (RK&BCT)- Soon you can zip to and fro Mysuru-Kadakola on a six-lane Highway as a proposal has been sent to the Centre to upgrade the existing four-lane Highway to a six-lane one. The distance between Mysuru and Kadakola is 18 kms and this particular stretch will be upgraded.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has written to Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on the necessity of upgrading the Highway as the Mysuru-Nanjangud belt has seen tremendous development over the years and there is a need to provide better connectivity as there is more scope for economic development.

Years ago, work on upgrading the 21.51 km road between Mysuru and Nanjangud — from a two-lane one to four-lane road — was taken up along with widening of the National Highway on Kollegal-Kerala borders. Now the need has arisen to widen the same road into a six-lane Highway. The existing tolled road has been built by Minister of Road Transport and Highways and is being maintained by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

In his letter, the MP has stated that the Mysuru-Nanjangud-Thandavapura stretch has been developed into an industrial hub with many industries including Asian Paints and TVS setting up factories there. Also there is a 100-acre Women Entrepreneurs Park at Thandya near Kadakola.

In addition, work on Inland Container Depot/ Multi Modal Logistic Park for Railways at Kadakola by Container Corporation of India is coming up in 61 acres of land, boosting transportation and industrial growth.

This apart, the Mysore Airport located at Mandakalli on National Highway 766 has seen good growth with over seven daily flights and plans are being worked out to make it an international airport with an expanded runway and other features. Also, the industrial, commercial and tourism vehicles coming to Mysuru and moving towards Ooty and Kozhikode have necessitated the widening of the National Highway to six-lane one, the MP noted.

Pratap Simha *Nitin Gadkari*

Existing Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road 4-way lane needs improvement and the issue has assumed urgency in the wake of increased vehicular density, rapid industrial and economic growth, the MP stated and has urged the Union Minister to upgrade the road into a 6-lane Highway. Also, rest area facility, along with truck lay bye (paved area at the side of a Highway designated for drivers to stop in, for emergency parking) with dormitory for truck drivers to address the driver fatigue needs to be created to enhance safety of the commuter facilities, he added.

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Kadakola Inland Container Depot will spur growth: MP

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (RK&BCT)- The ambitious work on Inland Container Depot (ICD) for Railways at Kadakola near Nanjangud by Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) will spur industrial activity both in and around Mysuru. The project will be undertaken with stringent adherence to quality and as per the CONCOR standards, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha on Monday.

He was speaking to reporters after inspecting the work at the Multi Modal Logistic Park (MMLP) which is coming up at Kadakola near Nanjangud in 61 acres of land.

The Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) had acquired 55 acres of land for the project and six more acres have been added taking the total project acreage to 61.

"The project will be completed in two years and works are on in full swing. After completion, the project will cut transportation costs, boost merchandise activities and give thrust to industrial development in the region. The ICD in Kadakola will boost industrial activity in the entire region and it is more conveniently located than the one at Whitefield in Bengaluru for exporters from Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu Districts," Simha said.

The cost of the entire project, which includes two railway sidings and a 10,000 square feet warehouse, is Rs. 100 crore. The double track with electrification between Bengaluru and Mysuru will help transport container shipment from ICD in Mysuru to different locations including ports in Mangaluru and other coastal belts, the MP added.

The MMLP will have a cold storage unit, state-of-the-art first-of-its-kind in Karnataka warehouses, two Railway lines — loading line and engine escape line, facility for Customs clearances for export and import cargo, hi-tech signalling and telecommunication units, CC Block Pavement, administrative block, connecting roads and drainages, pump house, rainwater harvesting units and a host of other features needed for shipping and receiving goods, Simha explained.

Arrangements to transport goods to major ports and cities would be made and the goods would be delivered through door-to-door system as there is rail connectivity to almost all major cities, towns and ports including Mangalore Port and Chennai Port, he said. Also, measures will be taken and facilities will be made to transport industrial materials through cargo flights from Mysore Airport at Mandakalli, he revealed.

"While raw materials can be delivered directly to the doorsteps of industries, facilities will be made to export finished goods from industries to other places with the adoption of advanced technologies. Till now, to obtain Customs clearance, industrialists had to go to ports. After the ICD is ready, all the Customs formalities will be done at the Kadakola depot itself and a separate office of Customs is being set up," the MP added.

Senior KAS Officers who served Mysuru among IAS promotees

B.R. Poornima K.N. Gayatri D. Bharathi

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (RK&DM)- Six top officials, who are serving or had served the city in the past, are among the over twenty senior KAS Officers who have been recommended for elevation to the IAS, according to sources.

B.R. Poornima, Director, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage at Mysuru, Yogesh and K.N. Gayatri, Additional Regional Commissioners (ARCs) at Mysuru, T. Venkatesh, Director of KSRTC at Bengaluru, Prabhu, Director, Social Security Scheme (Revenue) at Bengaluru and D. Bharathi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Hassan Zilla Panchayat (ZP) are the Senior KAS Officers whose names have been approved by the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for elevation to the IAS (Indian Administrative Service).

The notification regarding their elevation will be issued in a couple of days, it is learnt.

Elected office-bearers

Mysuru, Jan. 6 - The following have been elected as office-bearers of Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha, having office at Kalyana Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, K. R. Mohalla.

N.Srinivas - President; M. Manjunath and H. K. Ananth - Vice - Presidents; L. Venkatakrishna Shastri - Hon.Secretary; K.G. Satish - Hon. Treasurer; N.Y. Vishwanath - Administrative Officer; G. Subbanarasimha and A. R. Venkatesh - Joint Secretaries. **Directors:** R. Anantaramu, M.S. Ravindra, H. S. Nataraj, Prof. K. S. Hiriyanna, Dr. J. Kamala Raman, S. K. Jagadish, R.L.Satish Sharma, V. Balasubramaniam and H. Ashwathnarayan. For more details, call Ph: 0821- 2446498.

Ganigara Mahasabha

The following were elected as office-bearers of Ganigara Mahasabha (comprising the districts of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar), located at No.3792, 2nd Main, 15th Cross, Tilak Nagar in the city, at a meeting held recently.

K.Mahadev of Mysuru - Hon. President; Dr. K. Vijayakumar of Mysuru - President; C. Bhagya of Mysuru, Mahadevanna of Chamarajanagar and Suggi Shankar of Mandya - Vice - Presidents; Murugesh of Mysuru - General Secretary; Chandrakala of Mysuru - Treasurer; Mahadevu Ganiga - Joint Secretary; H. T. Babu of Hunsur, Dhanashekar of Nanjangud and Nagesh of Malavalli - Organising Secretaries; Suma Shivaraj- Organising Secretary (Woman).

Directors- Manukumar, Nanjappa, Suresh,Tulasiprasad, Dilip, Devashetty, Anitha Krishna, Ramachandra and S.Mahadev

Advisors: Sannamadashetty and Naganna of Mysuru, Mahadevanna and Subbanna of Gundlupet. For details, call Mob: 90366-23608 or 99026-49222.

Congress claims victory in GP polls

Mysuru, Jan.6 (RKB & DM)- Slamming the BJP for making false claims on its (BJP) 'victory' in the just concluded Gram Panchayat (GP) polls, Congress leaders of the city maintained that the party's stupendous performance in the GP polls has proved that Mysuru and Chamarajanagar Districts are Congress strongholds.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here yesterday morning, former MP R. Dhruvanarayan lashed out at District Minister S.T. Somashekar and other BJP leaders of the city for making utterly false claims on their party's victory even before the results were out.

Claiming that Congress backed candidates had won in 2,410 out of the 4,238 seats in Mysuru district, Dhruvanarayan said that out of the 249 Gram Panchayats in the district, Congress backed candidates are likely to occupy President and Vice-President posts in as many as 170 GPs.

Maintaining that the BJP backed candidates have been pushed to the third position in many GP seats in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts, he accused the ruling BJP of trying to lure Congress backed candidates through false promises.

He warned BJP against resorting to poaching of Congress backed candidates in its bid to gain power at grass-roots level.

Reiterating that Congress has regained the faith of people as can be seen in GP polls, in which Congress backed candidates have won in a majority of seats, the former MP challenged the BJP to come out with true statistics on the outcome of results.

Continuing, Dhruvanarayan said Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will felicitate Congress backed GP members at the Grama Janadhikar programme to take place at K.R.Nagar on Jan.8, at Nanjangud on Jan.9 and at Varuna on Jan.13. As far as Mysuru, Periyapatna, T.Narasipur and Saragur Taluks are concerned, the programme will take place on different dates between Jan.15 and 25, he added.

Referring to Coronavirus vaccine, Dhruvanarayan urged the Union and State Governments to come up with more clarifications and the results of the vaccine dry run that was conducted across the States last week.

Asking the Government to chart out a proper schedule on the proposed vaccination drive, he wanted the Government to educate and sensitise all the citizens on the nature of the drive.

H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu, MLC R. Dharmasena and District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar too addressed the press meet. Party leaders D. Ravishankar, Sunil Bose, Kalale Keshavamurthy, Sitaram and others were present.

Zoo animals adopted

Mysuru, Jan. 6- The following individuals have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under "Adoption of Animals" scheme by paying the Adoption Fee: Minu & Shoran of Mysuru - Flamingo (Rs.20,000), Vibha Sreenivasan, Mysuru - Flamingo (Rs.20,000), Manvi Kiran, Bengaluru - White Peacock (Rs.3,500), B.P. Asha Rani, Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs.7,000), Srinivas Ramanathan, Mysuru - Nilgiri Langur (Rs.10,000).

Bird-watching at Thippayyanakere

In all, 145 bird species identified at the rejuvenated Lake

Northern Shoveler

Glossy Ibis

Mysuru, Jan. 6 (MTY&BCT)-Thippayyanakere situated adjacent to Ring Road in Lalithadripura has become one more birding hotspot in Mysuru after Karanji Lake, Kukkarahalli Lake, Lingambudhi Lake and the Hebbal Lake.

Hundreds of foreign birds have arrived at Thippayyanakere and city-based Mysuru Science Foundation and Aranya Outreach had jointly organised 'Bird-watching' programme at the Lake on Sunday last.

It may be mentioned here that months ago, the Lake was rejuvenated jointly by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Mysuru and District Administration.

Migratory bird varieties like Northern Shovellers from Europe and North America, Black-winged Stilt from North Western India, Glossy Ibis and Common sandpiper from Europe and Central Asia were spotted during the bird-watching session and also 45 other bird species were also recorded. In all, 145 bird species have been identified in Thippayyanakere.

Avid birder M.P. Saptha Girish, who was a resource person, explained to the gathering the importance of water bodies in conserving plant, animal and bird species. "We don't have to build a Lake but we have to conserve the existing ones," he said.

Explaining the process of identifying bird species, he said that keen observation trait is important for any bird watcher. "Beaks, feathers, legs, tail, bird calls and wing span are crucial in identifying a bird species. The characteristics of bird such as shape and posture are the mostly used to identify birds. Mostly experts can identify a bird from its silhouette because this characteristic is difficult to change. A bird can also be differentiated using its tail," he said.

Over 30 bird-lovers were present at the Lake for the bird-watching session. R. Raju, Assistant Director, Information and Publicity Department, Dr. V. Savitha of JSS Hospital, Bhagawan, Head of Hari Vidyalaya, G.B. Santhosh Kumar of Mysore Science Foundation and others were present.

Rejuvenated water body

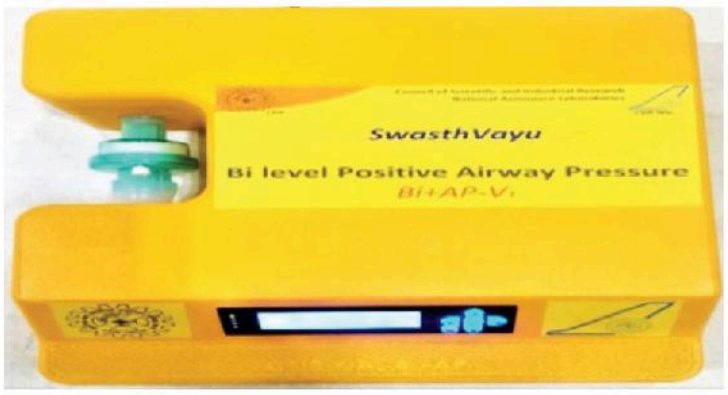
The CII-Mysuru District Administration Lake rejuvenation project that was taken up under Corporate Social Responsibility initiative titled "Project Mysuru Water Positive by 2021," stopped the flow of sewage water into the Lake, helped recharging groundwater and acted as sponges to control flooding and supporting bio-diversity.

The rejuvenation of Lake included prevention of sewage flow, de-silting, erecting of fences to give it a clear identity, removal of encroachments, planting of ornamental plants, gardens and laying of sitting and walking areas. The restoration works have now borne fruits as hundreds of migratory birds have landed up in the Lake to spend the winter months.

Before rejuvenation, gallons of sewage water entered the Lake from Police Layout, Giridarshini Layout, Alanahalli Layout and surrounding areas. For the residents of Lalithadripura, Alanahalli and Nadanahalli, the Lake is the only water source.

SwasthVayu cleared for COVID-19 patients

Trial run held at MMC&RI on 50 positive patients



New Delhi, Jan.6 (Agencies)- An expert committee constituted by the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, after careful evaluation, has recommended the use of 'SwasthVayu', a non-invasive-bilevel positive airway pressure ventilator on COVID-19 patients who require oxygen supplementation up to 35 per cent.

Scientists along with medical professionals from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Indian Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB) came forward to address shortages of ventilators in the beginning of COVID pandemic and indigenously designed and developed non-invasivebilevel positive airway pressure ventilator SwasthVayu, with additional features to treat COVID patients and make the country self-reliant.

Clinical trials at MMC&RI

The SwasthVayu has successfully conducted clinical trials at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) and Command Hospital, Bengaluru on 50 COVID patients each. The clinical trial reports clearly brought out that the performance of SwasthVayu ventilator device was satisfactory and effective in improving saturation during use for COVID-19 patients.

Polling booths may be used to vaccinate people with comorbidity, 50-plus citizens

Mysuru, Jan.6 (SSV) - The District Administration is mulling using the polling booths in buildings other than Schools as COVID-19 vaccination points for persons below 50 years but with comorbidities and citizens in the age group of 50 years to 60 years as it may become difficult to vaccinate them in Primary Health Centres (PHCs) both in rural and urban areas considering the large number of that category of people.

"There is no problem in vaccinating healthcare workers comprising doctors in Government and Private Hospitals, Nurses, Para-Medics and Group 'D' employees as they are hardly 34,000 in number in the district. But they may confront problems in vaccinating people with comorbidities and above 50 years of age as they constitute around 5 lakh to 6 lakh in the district. It will be impossible to accommodate them in PHCs as it may end up in chaos," opined Dr. L.Ravi, District Reproductive and Child Health Officer and COVID-19 Immunisation Officer.

He told *SOM* that health experts have advised against using the School classrooms especially during vaccinating people below 50 years but with comorbidities fearing spreading of infection.

The State Government has re-opened Schools to conduct offline classes for 10th std. and Vidyagama programme for students from 6th to 9th stds; and Colleges for II PU students last week after a gap of nearly 10 months. Using the School premises for vaccinating those persons was not a good idea in the interest of students, he said adding that some beneficiaries may develop side-effects after vaccination and they would require immediate medical attention. Considering the nature of pandemic, it was better to open vaccination points in polling booths but other than educational institutions, he observed.

Dr. Ravi said the District Administration has asked Taluk Health Officers to inspect personally whether alternative buildings are available in rural areas for opening vaccination booths for 50-plus citizens and for comorbidity beneficiaries. Officers have been asked to come back with a detailed report within 15 days.

A similar instruction has been given to City Health Officers on the availability of safe venue. In Mysuru city, this may not be a big problem as a lot of polling booths were located in the State or Central Government buildings or marriage halls where sufficient number of rooms are available. A list of such polling booths is being prepared, he added.

WORD OF THE DAY

Suffrage

Pronunciation: SUF-rij.
Meaning: A short intercessory prayer usually in a series; a vote given in deciding a controverted question or electing a person for an office or trust;: the right of voting : franchise; also : the exercise of such right.
Origin: Why would a 17th-century writer warn people that a chapel was only for "private or secret suffrages"? Because suffrage has been used since the 14th century to mean "prayer" (especially a prayer requesting divine help or intercession). So how did suffrage come to mean "a vote" or "the right to vote"? To answer that, we must look to the word's Medieval Latin ancestor, suffrāgium, which can be translated as meaning "vote," "support," or "prayer." That term produced descendants in a number of languages, and English picked up its senses of suffrage from two different places. We took the "prayer" sense from a Middle French suffrāgium offspring that emphasized the word's spiritual aspects, and we elected to adopt the "voting" senses directly from the original Latin.
Example: "The struggle for women's suffrage began well before 1920 and more freedom for women has extended beyond the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920...." — The Hickory (North Carolina) Daily Record, 10 Dec. 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Salsipotent

Ruling the salt seas.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Say goodnight Gracie

Meaning: This was coined as sign-off at the end of George Burns' shows with his wife Gracie Allen in 1958.
Origin: Burns ended the shows with '"Say goodnight, Gracie' and Allen replied 'Goodnight'. The popular legend that she replied with 'Goodnight, Gracie' isn't correct. This imagined reply may be influenced by the fact that it is a rather obvious comic reply which could well have been used and by the similar ending to Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In, which ended with 'Say goodnight, Dick' followed by 'Goodnight, Dick'. The sign-off also may have motivated the British comedians Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett to end their The Two Ronnies shows with:
Corbett] 'It's goodnight from me'
[Barker] 'And it's goodnight from him'. Corbett has since explained that Barker chose that reply as he didn't like to speak directly to the audience and preferred at all times to speak only in character, never as himself.
'Say goodnight, Gracie' has later been used as a jokey remark, spoken as if by George Burns, after some utterance that might have been said by the scatterbrain character that Gracie Allen adopted for the Burns and Allen shows.

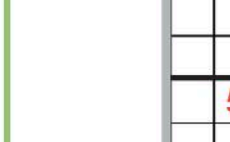
QUOTE BOX

I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night.

— Sarah Williams

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Eat Your Heart Out.

SUDOKO

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		9			2	7		4

Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	5	1	2	4	7	6	9
7	6	2	3	8	9	1	5	4
4	1	9	5	6	7	3	8	2
5	9	3	7	4	6	2	1	8
2	7	6	9	1	8	5	4	3
1	4	8	2	3	5	6	9	7
6	5	4	8	7	2	9	3	1
3	8	7	6	9	1	4	2	5
9	2	1	4	5	3	8	7	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Curves
5 Appear to be ?
9 Clumsy boat
12 Freshwater fish
13 Got a perfect score ?
14 North American nation
15 Row or line especially for spectators in a stadium
16 One who conducts surveys
18 Immerses in water
20 Harden by habituation
21 Subarctic forest
23 Contributed
25 Hormone replacement therapy, abbr.
26 Ship pole
28 Give off
32 Numero ___ : Number one?
33 Cane spirit
34 The French for 'island'
35 Young female
37 Greek peak
39 Debussy heroine
40 Nile snakes?
42 The Muslim faith
44 Criminal fire-raising
47 Type of TV input
48 Most commonly used expression of regret? (1,2,5)
51 Author __ Blyton
54 Music director Malik
55 Not as new
56 Legendary woman seduced by swan
57 Director __ Lee
58 Record
59 Scientology founder, Hubbard (1,3)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	I	S	C	■	A	T	C	M	■	S	O	U
E	N	Y	A	■	H	E	R	A	■	H	I	P
S	O	N	Y	■	E	M	B	R	O	I	L	S
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D	I	E	S	E	L	■	F	O	X	■	■	■
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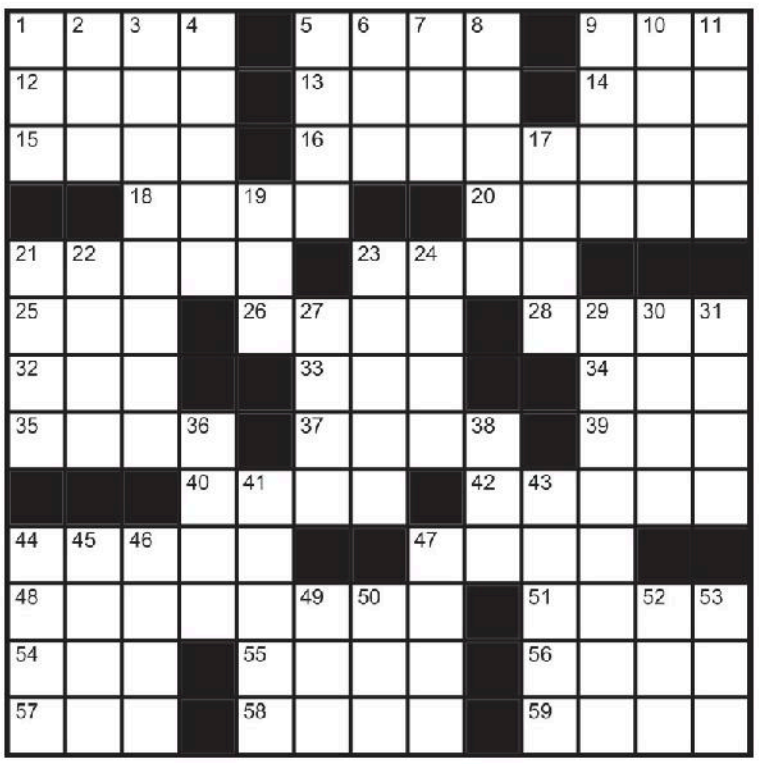
U	S	A	■	R	O	A	M	■	T	R	E	E
N	A	L	■	E	R	R	S	■	Y	E	L	L

DOWN
1 Part of a play
2 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
3 Person owed money
4 Small shoot
5 Chumps
6 Prefix meaning "environment" or "nature"?
7 Long fish
8 Ovid's 1,554
9 Ballerina's skirt
10 Internet patron
11 Lay ___ : expose all, in a way?
17 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
19 Step in ballet
21 Hoodlum or ruffian
22 "I ran" anagram for a man's pet name?
23 Unit of magnetic flux
24 Provides with weapons
27 A support
29 Hat maker
30 Romulus kin
31 A sporting side
36 Cambodia's neighbour
38 Give help
41 Beastly nose
43 Odour
44 Amer Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
45 Gujarat's __ of Kutch
46 Conceited
47 Jekyll's alter ego
49 Natal land, abbr.
50 A textile fabric of wool, cotton or silk
52 Variant of Esperanto
53 A city at the northern end of Palestine



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ADHV QDH KMST LJ QDH DHNSQ KHPMVO QL OMVP,

QLL LJQHV AMII SHNOLV OQLW CW DHS HNSO.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS O

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Regardless of who you are or what you have been, you can be what you want to be.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 6)

- **Vishwamanava Yoga Adhyayana Kendra:** Inauguration of current academic year classes, Dr. Sri Mummadi Chandrashekar Shivacharya Swamiji graces the occasion, retd. AYUSH Director Dr. Nagesh inaugurates, social worker Venkatasubbaiah chief guest, Vishwamanava Vidyaniketana Founder Prof. B.K. Chandrashekaregowda welcomes, Vid. Srinivasamuthy and H.M. Ravanikar will deliver lectures, Kendra premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Kalabairaveshwaraswamy Temple, Gandhi Nagar:** Sri Kalabairaveshwaraswamy Janmashtami, Sri Kalabairaveshwaraswamy Pallaki Utsava, **6 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 7)

- **Sri Ramadhama, Udayagiri:** Pratishtapane and Brahmakalashotsava related rituals, Sthapya Devata Pratishta Homa, Pratishtaakalasha, Tatva Mantra Homa, Parivara Devata Sahita Sri Rama Devara Ashtabandha Pratishtaa Poorvaka Netronmilana, Mangaladravya Nireekshana Kalashabhisheka Mahamangalarati, **Morning;** Puja - Mandala Rachana - Deeparadhane, Pravachana, **Evening.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat; INDEXT-c, Government of Gujarat:** Special Handloom Expo and Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an exhibition-cum-sale of vast collections of handlooms, dress materials and sarees from across the country, Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **House and Festiworld:** Indian Art and Craft Expo, open ground, near Apollo Hospital, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **DoS in Food Science and Nutrition, University of Mysore (UoM) and Institute of Health Management Research, Bengaluru (IIHMR-B):** Inauguration of Certificate Course in Nutrition and Health by UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, release of course-content by UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, IIHMR Society Trustee Secretary Dr. S.D. Gupta chie guest, UoM Faculty of Science and Technology Dean Prof. G. Venkatesh Kumar guest of honour, Dr. Asna Urooj and Dr. Usha Manjunath course co-ordinators, IOE auditorium, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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Balaji Theatre **Ph: 2497199**
Vanguard (E) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS **Ph: 4240422, 4241800**

Rajathantra (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	11.10 am, 4.40 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (H)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 9.55 pm

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Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm 6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	8.45 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-3)	11.45 am, 2.35 pm 5.40 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Rajathantra (K)	(S-4)	12.00 noon, 6.05 pm
Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (H)	(S-4)	3.10 pm

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Rajatantra (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am
	(S-2)	4.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
	(S-2)	11.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi (H)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Wonder Woman 1984 (E)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Mumbai brush aside Bengaluru to extend their unbeaten run

Mumbai City FC's Amrinder Singh leaps to make a save during a Hero ISL 2020-21 match against Bengaluru FC at Fatorda Stadium in Margao, Goa, last evening.

Margao, Jan. 6- Mumbai City FC extended their unbeaten run in Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 to eight games after a 3-1 win against Bengaluru FC at the Fatorda Stadium yesterday.

Mourtada Fall opened the scoring for the Islanders in the 9th minute and Bipin Singh doubled their advantage six minutes later.

Sunil Chhetri scored a goal from the penalty spot for Bengaluru in the 79th minute but Bartholomew Ogbeche netted Mumbai's third five minutes later.

The Islanders ended the game with 10 men after Ahmed Jahouh was sent off for the second time this season.

Bipin Singh has been in scintillating form for Mumbai all season and he shone once again during their win over Bengaluru.

Besides producing a sumptuous finish for the Islanders' second goal of the night, he also created a chance and was a menace to the Blues throughout his time on the pitch.

Hero of the Match: Bipin Singh (Mumbai City); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Mandar Rao Dessai (Mumbai City).

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Yesterday's Result

BENGALURU FC - 1
Lose to
MUMBAI CITY - 3

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State-level cycling selection trials in city on Jan. 9, 10

Mysuru, Jan. 6- Mysore District Cycling Association (MDCA) has invited entries from riders of the district for the upcoming State-level Cycling Selection trials to choose participants for Nationals.

The selection trials will be held for two events as per the following details:

The Mountain Biking Selection in U-14, U-16 and U-18 (all for both Boys and Girls) and Elite Men & Women categories will be held at JSS Ayurveda College premises in Lalithadripura on Jan. 9 at 7 am.

The Road Cycling Selection in U-14, U-16 and U-18 (all for both Boys and Girls), U-23 (Men) and Elite Men & Women categories will be held on Bogadi-Gaddige Road on Jan. 10 at 7 am.

MDCA MYSORE DISTRICT CYCLING ASSOCIATION

Spot registration will not be entertained and participants must bring their own geared cycles with compulsory helmets.

Mysore District Cycling Association President Arun Patil has, in a press release, requested all participants to follow COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Government like wearing mask, sanitising hands and maintaining 6 feet distance.

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